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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

Chief, St/I/R

FROM :

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SUBJECT :

General ORR Debriefings of Returning Diplomatic Personnel

1. On 6 November 1957 a general ORR debriefing of Colonel Daniel Teberg, U.S. Air Attache from Czechoslovakia, was held in the OCR Conference Room. As Colonel Teberg has proven to be a highly competent observer and reporter assigned to an important Satellite post, a two hour ORR debriefing, exclusive of [REDACTED] debriefing, was scheduled. Five divisions in the Economic Area, two divisions from the Geographic Area, and one special staff were invited to send representatives. Total attendance, other than St/I/R representatives, amounted to only five persons, two of whom limited themselves to one or two brief questions and left the room upon receipt of the answers. Two others did not arrive until the second hour. These five analysts represented three divisions from the Economic Area and there were none from the Geographic Area or the special staff. Two other analysts originally indicated they wished to attend but were actually absent from the debriefing and did not inform St/I/R of their change in plans. 25X1B0c

2. Most returning attaches remain in Washington for only a limited time and must adhere to very rigid schedules. St/I/R has, therefore, found it difficult to arrange lengthy sessions with diplomatic personnel from the State Department and military services. These sessions have to be scheduled well in advance and an estimate made then of the time needed. For attaches from Bloc countries, two hours are usually allotted for the general ORR debriefing and one hour for the [REDACTED] 25X1B0c

3. When ORR branches display as little interest as they did in the Teberg debriefing, it becomes difficult to keep the allotted time filled with pertinent comments. This situation does not help the standing of CIA, and especially ORR, in the eyes of the people and agencies with whom it is necessary to maintain close and harmonious relations. The above situation has been a continuing one and in view of its extent in the case of Colonel Teberg, I feel compelled to call it to your attention by a formal memorandum.

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